33. The Scheme of Multi-Sectoral Plan in Minority Concentration districts.

Hostels for SC/ST Students in the country

3176. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of hostels for SC/ST students functioning in the country, State/Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether these hostels are adequate keeping in view the ever increasing number of such students;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to set up more hostels in the country, and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith their locations State/Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The information is being collected from the concerned States/UTs and the same shall be laid on the Table of the House as soon as received.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Government continue to encourage construction/expansion of the hostels for SC/ST students of the country. The Government has made a budget provision of Rs. 8 crores & 4 crores respectively for SC's and ST's construction/expansion of Girls' Hostels respectively and Rs. 11 crores & Rs. 4 crores for Boys Hostels, during the current year.

(d) Location of the hostels depends on the proposals received for these hostels from the States/UTs as per their requirement.

Rehabilitation of Physical Disabled Persons in the country

3177. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken for the rehabilitation of physically disabled persons in the country;

(b) if so, the approximate number of such people in the country;

(c) the details of the steps taken for the rehabilitation of such disabled people in Orissa and other States;

(d) the specific steps taken for the proper rehabilitation of war disabled, and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the latest Sample Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991 about 16.15 million people of the country were suffering from physical disabilities including visual disability, hearing disability, speech disability and locomotor disability.

(c) A statement showing the steps taken for rehabilitation of disabled persons in Orissa and other States is given *(see* below).

(d) and (e) The information has been called for from the Ministry of Defence.

Statement

Rehabilitation of physically handisabled persons in Orissa and other States.

(1) *Assistance to Voluntary Organisation for the Disabled*

Under this scheme, assistance is provided to voluntary organisations to run rehabilitation programmes for the disabled. Financial support is given upto 90% of the total project cost for recurring items like staff salary, maintenance charges, contingencies and non-recurring items like construction of building, equipment, furniture. Financial assistance is given for projects like vocational training centres, special schools, counselling centres, hostels, training centres for personnels, placement services etc.

(2) *Establishment & Development of Special Schools*

The scheme envisages assistance to the NGOs upto 90% for establishment and upgradation of Special Schools in four major disabilities - orthopaedic, hearing and speech, visual and mentally retarded. Priority under the scheme is given to setting up of schools in districts where there are no special schools at present. Both recurring and non-recurring expenditure is supported by the Ministry.

(3) *Assistance to Organisations for persons with Cerebral Palsy & Mental Retardation for Manpower Development,*

Under the scheme, assistance is given to NGOs upto the extent of 100% for running training courses for researchers in the area of Cerebral Palsy & Mental Retardation.

(4) *Assistance to Organisations for Rehabilitation of Leprosy Cured Persons*

Under this scheme, assistance is given upto 90% to voluntary organisations in developing programmes for rehabilitation of leprosy cured persons.

(5) *National Institutes*

In order to effectively deal with the multidimensional problems of the handicapped population, the following four National Institutes have been set up. These Institutes are apex level organisations in the field of training, vocational guidance, counselling, research, rehabilitation, development of suitable service modules. These Institutes also serve as premier documentation and information centres in their area of disability:-

(i) National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.

(ii) National Institute for the Orthopaedically handicapped, Calcutta.

(iii) Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai.

(iv) National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad.

In addition to these the following two institutions have been set up primarily as service institutions for providing general services to the handicapped persons:-

(i) Institute for the Physically Handicapped, New Delhi.

(ii) National Institution of Rehabilitation, Training and Research, Olatpur, Orissa.

(6) *Employment*

(i) Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995 contains a provision that the appropriate Government shall appoint in every establishment not less than 3% of persons with disability of which 1% each shall be reserved for persons suffering from:—

(a) blindness or low vision;

(b) hearing impairment; and

(c) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy

in the post identified for each disability. 3% reservation in Group 'C' and 'D' for handicapped persons had already been there even before the Law came into force. In pursuance of this provision, extension of 3% reservation in Group 'A' & 'B' posts under the Central Government for physically handicapped persons - 1% each for visually, hearing and orthopaedically handicapped have been notified by DOPT's Circular No. 36035/16/91-Estt. (SCT) dated 18.2.97.

(ii) 47 Special Employment Exchanges an 41 Special Cells for the handicapped persons have been set up exclusively to help the handicapped persons in getting gainful employment. Besides, the Normal Employment Exchange also help the handicapped person in finding suitable employment.

(iii) Seventeen Vocational Rehabilitation Centres have been set up to assess the residual ability of the disabled, arrange their training and place them in employment.

(iv) Self-employment is promoted through the following:-

(a) Allotment of vending stalls, kiosks and shops by some State Governments/ UTs;

(b) Loans from nationalised Banks at concessional Rates of Interest;

(c) Preference in allotment of Public Telephone booths;

(d) Reservation in distribution of Petrol Pumps, Kerosene Depots etc.

(7) *Scheme of Assistance to disabled for purchase/fitting of Aids/Appliances*

The main objective of the scheme is to assist need physcially handicapped persons in

procuring durable, sophisticated and scientifically manufactured aids and appliances that promote their physically, social and psychological rehabilitation. The scheme is implemented through centres run by the Comapnies, registered under Companies Act, registered Societies, trusts or any other institutions recognised by the Ministry of Welfare. Both Governmental and non-Governmental agencies are thus engaged for the implementation of the scheme.

Under the scheme, aids and appliances upto value of Rs. 3600/- are distributed to the disabled persons free of cost if their monthly income is upto Rs. 1200/- and at 50% of the cost if the income is between Rs. 1201/- to Rs. 2500/-.

(8) Government of India have recently enacted 'The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995'. The Act provides prevention and early detection of disabilities, education, employment non-discrimination etc. for disabled persons including mentally handicapped persons.

(9) A National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation has been registered on 24.1.97 under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 to provide opportunities for skill development and loan assistance on easy terms to the disabled persons to set up self-employment ventrues.

मध्य प्रदेश में विकलांग व्यक्तियों को सुविधाएं

3178. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में विकलांग व्यक्तियों को राज्य परिवहन की बसों में यात्रा करने हेतु कौन-कौन सी सुविधाएं और रियायतें दी गई हैं और ये सुविधाएं कब से प्रदान की गई है;

(ख) मुफ्त और रियायती दरों पर यात्रा करने की सुविधा कब से स्थापित की गयी है;

(ग) मुफ्त में या रियायती दर पर यात्रा करने के लिए पूर्व में जारी किए गए रियायत संबंधी आदेशों के नवीनीकरण की सुविधा राज्य के किन-किन क्षेत्रों में अभी लागू है और किन-किन क्षेत्रों में यह सुविधा स्थगित कर दी गयी है; और

(घ) इस सुविधा को स्थगित करने तथा नवीनीकरण की सुविधा को मनमाने तरीके से बंद किए जाने के क्या कारण है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से सूचना मांगी गई है।

Annual Reports on Linguistic Minorities

3179. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Annual Reports on linguistic minorities are being prepared and presented; and

(b) if so, the details thereof together with the details of the Annual Reports for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA):(a) and (b) Yes Sir, So far, 33 Reports on Linguistic Minorities have been prepared, out of which 32 Reports have been submitted to the President of India. All the 32 Reports have also been laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament. The 32nd Report submitted to the Government in April, 1995, covered the period from July, 1991 to June, 1992 and 33rd Report on Linguistic Minorities covering the period July, 1992 to June, 1993 has been submitted to the Government recently.

The post of the Commissioner of Linguistic Minorities was vacant in 1995-96 and Dr. Harbhajan Singh Deol took charge of this office on 16th October, 1996.

The Annual Reports for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 are yet to be submitted by the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities to the Government.

Reservation for SCs and STs in the admission to school, colleges and engineering colleges

3180. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some reservation has been provided for admission in schools level, college level and post graduate level including